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PARLIAMENT

ASSEMBLED,

The Humble PETITION *of the Members of the Common-Council of the City of* LONDON, *hereunto Subscribing.*

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That notwithstanding the said Act, several Aldermen of the said City, made or elected by virtue of Commissions or Charters from the late King *James* under his Great Seal, Act still as Aldermen by that Authority, under pretence, That by some doubtful Expressions in the said Act, they are continued, as well as Ministerial Officers.

That by colour of their assumed Authority and illegal Proceedings, Sir *Thomas Pilkington* was by them, on the day of Election appointed by the said Act, declared and made Mayor, though not duly Returned by the Common-Hall, according to the Usage of the City.

That by the contrivance of the said Mayor and Aldermen, Mr. *Edward Hinson* is imposed on your Petitioners as Chamberlain of the City, notwithstanding another Person was duly elected into that Office, and declared so to be by the Sheriffs; and the Hall thereupon dissolved.

That divers Members of our Common-Council are illegally excluded, and others, duly elected, are refused their Admittances.

That the Place of Town-Clerk having been vacant three Months and upwards (an Office of great Trust in the City) and only eligible by, and in, Common-Council, the said Mayor and Aldermen have, of their own Authority, appointed several Persons to the Execution thereof, without the Consent of the Common-Council, against the evident known Rights of your Petitioners.

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That a Common-Council being summoned and assembled, about the third Day of *October*, many Debates arising concerning the Premises, and several Motions being made, and the Meaning of the Common-Council (being) That for settling the Rights of the City, an humble Address should be made to this Honourable House to explain the said Act: And thereupon the Question being desired to be put, the said Mayor refused it; and to prevent any such Application, immediately dissolved the Court, and went away.

Wherefore your Petitioners having by these evil practices, all their ancient Rights and Privileges invaded, and neither Mayor, Court of Aldermen, Sheriffs, Chamberlain, Common-Council, or Town-Clerk, as of Right they ought to have; and being elsewhere without Remedy, humbly pray such Relief in the premises, as shall consist with the Wisdom and Justice of this Honourable House.

And your Petitioners, &c. shall ever pray, &c.